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SUBJECT: SAHEL TASK FORCE - TRAVEL TO WEST AFRICA FOR DRS.

SPRAGUE, ROSENBERG, BAGLEY AND GATES

REF:

(A) STATE 183506; (B) LYMAN/HELMAN TELCONS, SEPT. 21 AND 24

(C) FEI/WILLIAMS DISCUSSIONS PARIS, SEPTEMBER 20

AFDROUGHT

1. REGRET DELAY IN SENDING COMPLETE DESCRIPTIVE CABLE ON THIS
SUBJECT. CABLE FORTHCOMING SEPTEMBER 27.

2. TWO CORE AREAS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR INVESTIGATION BY
BAGLEY, GATES, SPRAGUE & ROSENBERG, WITH INVESTIGATION TO PROVIDE
THE PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR USE BY SAHEL TASK FORCE AND OTHERS FOR
PROGRAM DECISION. AREAS ARE (A) DEFINE KINDS OF WATER RESOURCE
PROGRAMS WHICH SHOULD BE INITIATED AND PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND
CRITERIA FOR THEIR FORMULATION AS WELL AS PRECAUTIONS AND INS-
TRUCTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE OBSERVED. (B) INVESTIGATE "ZONE D'ACCUEIL"
(HOSPITALITY ZONE) CONCEPT OF MODIFYING LIVESTOCK MOVEMENTS,
INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ZONES (I) FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY
CATTLE SAVING OPERATIONS,
(II) IN AREAS WHERE TSE TSE FLY ERADICATION IS TO BE FORTHCOMING;
(III) ALONG CATTLE ROUTES; (IV) AS BARRIER TO REDUCE MOVEMENT OF
CATTLE BACK TOWARD SAHEL ZONE; (V) AS ALTERNATIVE DRY SEASON GRAZING
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LAND; (VI) AS MEANS FOR SELECTIVELY REMOVING ADULT LIVESTOCK FROM

SAHELIAN GRAZING LANDS; AND (VII) AS APPROACH TO EXPANDING MIXED
LIVESTOCK FARMING IN INTERMEDIATE RAINFALL ZONES.

3. BOTH TASKS PROPOSED PARAS 2(A) AND (B) WERE DISCUSSED WITH AUDIBER
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AND HIS STAFF AND RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT, AUDIBERT INDICATING THAT
WATER RESOURCE GUIDELINES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND THAT "ZONE
D'ACCUEIL" OFFERED AREA FOR CONSIDERABLE PROMISE FOR COOPERATIVE

MULTIDONOR INITIATIVES.IRWIN

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